



Docket No.: NEL-001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Leslie P. Nagata et al.

Confirmation No.: 6398

Application No.: 10/023,649

Art Unit: 1648

Filed: December 21, 2001

Examiner: A. Salimi

For: A STRAIN OF THE WESTERN EQUINE
ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

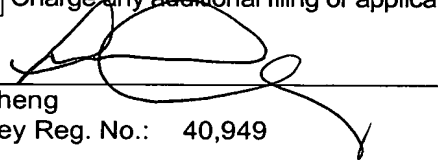
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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Application No. 10/023,649-Conf. #6398		Filing Date December 21, 2001		Examiner A. R. Salimi	
				Art Unit 1648	
Applicant(s): Leslie P. Nagata					
Invention: NOVEL DNA-BASED VACCINE AGAINST THE ENCEPHALITIS ALPHAVIRUSES					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
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